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IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA)
UTILITY REGULATORY)
COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION)
OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE)
BUSINESS PRACTICES OF ANNOX,)
INC. AND METRO TELECONNECT)
COMPANIES, INC., IN THE STATE OF)
INDIANA PURSUANT TO INDIANA)
CODE 8-1-2-1(A) AND 8-1-2-58)

CAUSE NO. 42521

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You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

Pursuant to the Prehearing Conference order, the parties were ordered to answer Commission-generated data requests by December 12, 2003. On December 12, 2003, SBC filed its *Motion of Ameritech Indiana for Protection of Confidential and Proprietary Information*, requesting that information within the scope of the Commissions' request be protected from disclosure. Specifically, SBC asserted that some of the records at issue were the billing records of two wholesale customers, and that the unprotected release of such information would reveal the business activity and volume of the customers, causing potential competitive disadvantage. Further, SBC asserted that the documents at issue were subject to specific procedures within the company to protect them from public disclosure, and requested that only limited Commission staff be allowed to examine such documents under strict conditions of confidentiality.

The Presiding Officers, having reviewed the information contained in the *Motion*, find that there is a sufficient basis for a preliminary finding that confidential procedures are appropriate and should be followed concerning the Confidential Information to be submitted in this Cause. Accordingly, SBC shall *hand deliver to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge*, a single sealed copy of Confidential Information that includes the Cause No. and is marked as CONFIDENTIAL, and such information shall be treated as confidential on a preliminary basis in accordance with IC § 5-14-3-4.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Judith G. Ripley, Commissioner

Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

Date: December 15, 2003

Nancy Manley, Secretary to the Commission